

Avon Dassett Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held at the Reading Room on Monday 3rd August 2009

Present: J Burgess (Chair), S Richardson (Vice Chair), L Hope–Frost, D Hutt, Cllr C Williams, J Ellard (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES:

A Rutherford

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (attached)

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as correct by LHF and seconded by DH. They were then signed by JB.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

ACTION

- Community Policing/Neighbourhood Watch
Rod Joy attended the fete.

- Traffic and Roads

The mobile speed camera visited on the 21st July the officer recorded only 9 car movements on the entrance to the village. This was due to school holidays and inclement weather.

People coming down the B4100 travelling at speed are being taken by surprise by people exiting from the crossroads leading to a serious crash on 27th July. There is a sign but seems to be incorrectly placed as it is too close to the crossroads. The road is a 60mph limit and it was believed it was going to be changed to a 50mph limit. There does seem to be a visibility issue when the grass is too long and the telegraph pole seems to obstruct vision.

Cllr Williams

- Drainage Issues

The Clerk and JB had a meeting with Patch Byrne and the council now have an ongoing list, which will be updated regularly. The lay-by proposal JB is hoping to have for the next meeting.

JB

- Environment/Maintenance

The PC will pay to put in a few plants in the tubs by the roadside to tie in with the ones owned by the PC.

LHF

- Playground

The hedge referred to at the last meeting by a villager cost

over £800 to install. John Glover and Chris Allen have submitted quotes for the landscape maintenance. The PC will leave the decision making until the autumn. SR will spray the area with weed killer and seek advice from Sandra Rice about planting.

SR

- Reading Room – Land Registry registration

SR has put forward a couple of queries about this. Other than that all the documentation has been filled in.

SR

JB to contact contractor about clearing the garden from outside the reading room

JB

- St John's

Jo Cross from the CCT has contacted LHF. The boards originally offered have all been allocated except one.

CW suggested if the PC took on the Churchyard the grass cutting would be kept to a higher standard. It may be possible for SDC to provide a reimbursement to the parish purely for strimming and cutting, this would exclude any major works, which would still be carried out by SDC. CW to find out the exact figure of reimbursement. Maintenance guidelines are to be provided by CW to the PC. The grass will not be cut more than twice a year by SDC. The general concern is that there is very little being done by SDC without a major effort by the PC.

Cllr Williams/LHF

- Social Housing – update

Nothing to report

- Upkeep of 'Green' areas in village

Covered above

- Parish Plan

Reminder that the visual design statement team is holding an exhibition on the 15th and 16th August. The Climate Change Team will be attending the meeting in September along with the Parish Plan Action Plan Team. All parties have been given all relevant information.

- Public Realm Grant: Nature Area

JB has completed the planning application for removal of the dead Hawthorn Tree. This will be confirmed within 21 days.

JB

The Rutherford family have very kindly donated their winnings from the photographic competition prize to this cause.

- Avon Dassett Emergency Plan
On agenda for next meeting **JB**
- Expenditure vs. Budget
Agreed – next review will be in November. **SR**

5. COUNCIL REPORT

Please see attached.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Abacus request for grant funds against the cost of a book cabinet. The PC agreed to offer £50.00 and agreed to write something into the budget for the future support of village groups.

The local transport plan. – Clerk to culminate numbers.

Consultation on housing growth – to be circulated

- a) Set provisional date of meeting to discuss current planning applications (none set)
- b) Planning

The Post Box Cottage Appeal has been withdrawn. There is currently a planning pre application to be situated in Knightcote, 6 Wind Turbines at the height of 200m. The policy of the district council is to not support these types of applications. The preferred site is on the Gaydon Airfield.

With regards to the travellers site in Warmington the PC support neighbouring PCs' opinion that SDC need to provide more sites but was out of time to comment on the application.

No applications received.

7. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Clerk presented a financial statement to the council.

Balances at close of business 01.08.09

Current Account	£215.47
Savings Account	£5,749.55

Cheques issued:

John Glover (mowing)	£120.00
Mick Harris (mowing)	£70.00
Ortek Printers (postcards)	£119.60
Clement Keys (auditors)	£155.25
Banbury Farm Supplies (cement)	£20.24
Coffee Morning	£9.12
NPower	£17.27
Clerk's pay	£135.65
Gift to clerk	£50.00

Approved, Proposed LHF, Seconded by DH.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9. TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 7th September 2009

Meeting closed at 21.40pm